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SUBJECT: SERGEY SCHEBALIN (ROSTISLAV ANTONOV)

1. With reference to the application for naturalization of Sergey Schebalin, which contained information at variance with that furnished by CIA to the Immigration and Naturalization Service prior to Schebalin's entry into the United States in February 1954, investigation by SR Division indicates that the information furnished on Schebalin's background to I and S was obtained at various times during Schebalin's employment in the field. Some of the information was based on written statements from Schebalin; other was obtained from personal interviews. The discrepancies between the CIA memorandum to I and S and Schebalin's naturalization application appear to be the result of erroneous interpretation of information reported from the field, failure of Schebalin to remember exact details furnished previously, and failure of Schebalin to interpret the questions properly, either in his personal data statements in the field or on the naturalization questionnaire. Obviously Schebalin was not in a position, when he was filling out the naturalization questionnaires, to have access to, and correct any errors in, biographic information furnished on him and his family by CIA to I and S. It should be noted that there are conflicting statements concerning Schebalin's personal data in the information available on him in DDP files.

2. SR Division can supply no witnesses for Schebalin who have had contact with him monthly for the past five years. In addition, information in DDP files indicates that OO/Contacts will not be able to provide such witnesses. It would appear therefore that Schebalin must obtain his witnesses from either his neighborhood or his place of employment in Philadelphia. Since he did not begin his residence or employment in Philadelphia until January 1955, apparently it will be necessary for him to wait until January 1960 before he can submit his naturalization application and be able to fulfill the witness requirement.

3. If the naturalization application requires only a statement of applicant's employment for the past five years, then deferring Schebalin's application until January 1960 will permit his listing his present employment for five years, and the period he spent in Washington will not have to be covered.

4. It is suggested that OO/Contacts, who have CIA responsibility for Schebalin, be advised in detail of the problem, and that they contact Schebalin and advise him of the witness requirement, reconcile his personal background data for his future application, and tell him that in view of the witness requirement, he and his family will have to postpone applying for naturalization until early 1960.

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